



Mary Draper Ingles 250th Anniversary - Cultures and Conflicts



Photo by Kirk Sullens

The Year: 1755

The New River area was the far western frontier of English settlement 250 years ago. England and France were engaged in the French and Indian War for control of North America. Like all wars, it brought horrors to the civilians caught in its path. In July of 1755, the

small farming settlement of Draper’s Meadow, near present day Blacksburg, Virginia, was attacked by warriors of the Shawnee nation, allied with France. Four settlers were killed; five were taken captive, including Mary Draper Ingles and her two young sons.

National Park Service  
Schedule of Events



Doug Wood will portray  
Ostenaco on July 2-3rd.



Karen Vuranch will portray  
Mary Draper Ingles on July 30th.

Saturday, July 2, 2005	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Canyon Rim Visitor Center
	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Canyon Rim Visitor Center
	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Fayette Station, Rt 82
	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Canyon Rim Visitor Center
Sunday, July 3, 2005	11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Sandstone Visitor Center
	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Sandstone Visitor Center
	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Sandstone Falls
	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Sandstone Visitor Center

“Life Along the Trail”
Experience life in the 1750s by visiting encampments near the visitor center.
“Ostenaco -A Native American”
Watch Doug Wood’s exciting portrayal of Ostenaco, as he brings to life a Cherokee perspective of history.
“Hunting Camp on the River”
Find the hunting camp along the river bank and talk with reenactors about the Native American way of life in the 1750s.
“Mary Draper Ingles –Caught in the Vortex of the French and Indian War”
Learn about daily challenges faced by this frontierswoman, her dramatic escape from captivity, and her long journey home.
“Life Along the Trail”
See above.
“Ostenaco -A Native American”
See above.
“Hunting Camp on the River”
See above.
“Mary Draper Ingles –Caught in the Vortex of the French and Indian War”
See above.

Saturday, July 30, 2005	8:00 PM	Fayetteville Theater
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“Mary Draper Ingles”
On the 250th anniversary of Mary Ingles’ capture by Shawnee warriors July 30, 1755, living history performer Karen Vuranch will present Mary’s amazing story of capture, escape, and long journey home. From Big Bone Lick in Kentucky, she walked almost 500 miles, following the Ohio, Kanawha, and New rivers to Draper’s Meadow, Virginia.

Call 304-574-2115 for directions to events scheduled July 2nd and 30th.

Call 304-466-0417 for directions to events scheduled July 3rd.

All programs are FREE.